

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. No: 10/552,209
Applicant: Keisuke Tsunetsugu et al.
Filed: June 29, 2006
Title: VACUUM HEAT INSULATOR AND APPARATUSES
USING THE SAME
TC/A.U.: 1794
Examiner: Alexander S. Thomas
Confirmation No.: 6767
Docket No.: MAT-8743US

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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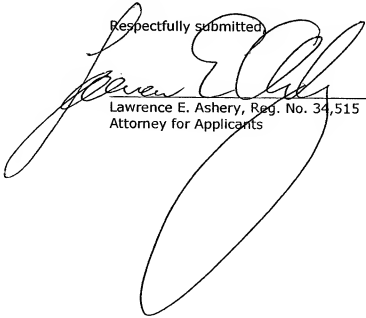
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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated **March 18, 2008**.

The Examiner requires that claims of either Species A or Species B be elected for prosecution. Applicants elect to prosecute Species B related to heat seal layer having melting point below 200 degrees C. The claims that are currently believed to correspond to that Species are claims 15, 17, 22-35.

This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,



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